

CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
December 9, 2024 – 4:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chamber

SPECIAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

OPENING: Mayor Gordo called the organizational meeting to order at 4:44 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was led by Councilmember Williams. (Absent: Councilmember Hampton)

ROLL CALL:
Councilmembers: Mayor Victor M. Gordo
Vice Mayor Steve Madison
Councilmember Tyron Hampton (arrived at 6:04 p.m.)
Councilmember Justin Jones
Councilmember Jason Lyon
Councilmember Gene Masuda
Councilmember Jessica Rivas
Councilmember Felicia Williams

Staff: City Manager Miguel Márquez
City Attorney/City Prosecutor Michele Beal Bagneris
City Clerk Mark Jomsky

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE
“CERTIFICATE OF THE CANVASS OF THE ELECTION
RETURNS” AS PREPARED AND CERTIFIED BY THE LOS
ANGELES COUNTY REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK
FOR THE PASADENA GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION
CONSOLIDATED WITH THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024, STATEWIDE
GENERAL ELECTION**

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Find that the proposed action in the agenda report is not a project subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as defined in Section 21065 and Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines, and as such, no environmental document pursuant to CEQA is required for the project; and
- (2) Adopt a resolution accepting the “Certificate of the Canvass of the Election Returns” (Exhibit A to the resolution) as prepared and certified by the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk for the Pasadena General Municipal Election, consolidated with the Statewide General Election held on November 5, 2024, resulting in the passage of Measure PL (Library Bond Measure), and Charter Amendment Measures PA, PB, PC, PF, and PR amending the Pasadena City Charter. (Resolution No. 10103)

City Clerk Jomsky provided a brief recap of the March 5, 2024 Primary Election results, reporting on the following individuals as re-elected and elected to Office:

Victor M. Gordo, having received 81.6% of the total votes cast for the Office of Mayor of Pasadena, was declared to be re-elected to that office.

Tyron Hampton, having received 100% of the total votes cast for the Office of Member of the City Council from District 1, was declared to be re-elected to that office.

Rick Cole, having received 59.8% of the total votes cast for the Office Member of the City Council from District 2, was declared to be elected to that office.

Gene Masuda, having received 66.4% of the total votes cast for the Office of Member of the City Council from District 4, was declared to be re-elected to that office.

Steve Madison, having received 100% of the total votes cast for the Office of Member of the City Council from District 6, was declared to be re-elected to that office.

In a Special Election to fill the remaining two years of an unexpired term (set to expire on December 7, 2026), Justin L. Jones, having received 55.2% of the total votes cast for the Office of Member of City Council from District 3, was declared to be elected to that office.

City Clerk Jomsky also provided a recap on the November 5, 2024 General Election, reporting the following results on ballot measures PL (Central Library Earthquake Retrofit GO Bond Measure), PA (Elections/Appointments), PB (Vice Mayor/Acting Mayor), PC (Term Limits), PF (Fire and Police Retirement System Board), and PR (Rent Control):

Measure PL received 44,835 “Yes” votes and 17,074 “No” votes, with “Yes” votes receiving 72.4%. To be approved, Measure PL required a two-thirds majority of the voters cast to be in favor and pass, and is deemed approved by the voters.

City Clerk Jomsky also reported on the following City Charter Amendment Measures that required a 50%+1 majority of the votes cast to be in favor and pass:

Measure PA received 49,877 “Yes” votes and 7,841 “No” votes; with 86.4% of “Yes” votes cast, Measure PA is deemed approved by the voters.

Measure PB received 48,524 “Yes” votes and 8,163 “No” votes; with 85.6% of “Yes” votes cast, Measure PB is deemed approved by the voters.

Measure PC received 47,398 “Yes” votes and 10,432 “No” votes; with 81.96% of “Yes” votes cast, Measure PC is deemed approved by the voters.

Measure PF received 48,196 “Yes” votes and 8,082 “No” votes; with 85.6% of “Yes” votes cast, Measure PF is deemed approved by the voters.

Measure PR received 35,351 “Yes” votes and 19,999 “No” votes; with 63.87% of “Yes” votes cast, Measure PR is deemed approved by the voters.

City Clerk Jomsky noted that with 67,340 ballots cast, and 89,696 registered voters in Pasadena, the voter turnout for the November 5, 2024 General Election was 75.1%.

MOTION:

It was moved by Councilmember Lyon, seconded by Councilmember Jones, to approve the staff recommendation. (Motion unanimously approved) (Absent: Councilmember Hampton)

RECOGNIZE END OF TERM OF VICE MAYOR

On behalf of the City Council Mayor Gordo expressed appreciation and gratitude to Steve Madison for his service as Vice Mayor.

Outgoing Vice Mayor Madison thanked Mayor Gordo for the recognition, and expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to serve as Vice Mayor this past year and for the second time during his tenure on the City Council.

RECOGNIZE END OF TERM OF OUTGOING COUNCILMEMBER

Paul Cheng, Arcadia City Councilmember; Jubilee Byfield, on behalf of Congresswoman Judy Chu; State Senator Sasha Renee Perez; State Assemblymember John Harabedian; Savannah Moore, on behalf of LA County Board Supervisor Kathryn Barger; Dominick Correy, on behalf of the Rose Bowl Operating Company; David Reyes, Acting General Manager, on behalf of Pasadena Water and Power staff; City Manager Márquez on behalf of the Executive Management team; and Mayor Gordo, on behalf of the City Council; all thanked outgoing Councilmember Williams for her commitment and dedication to serving the community, advocating for the well-being of all constituents, and making positive impacts on the City of Pasadena during her four-year term as Councilmember representing Council District 2.

Councilmember Williams thanked everyone for their kind remarks, and reflected on the accomplishments of the City Council during her four-year term, including the number of affordable housing projects built in the City, the regional expansion of the Pasadena Outreach

Response Team (PORT) program being simulated in other cities and jurisdictions, implementation of a new bad weather shelter, and increasing services for homelessness. She also expressed heartfelt gratitude to Darla Dyson for her service as the District 2 Liaison, and to many of the City staff for working towards achieving the City's goals and continuously serving the community.

ADJOURN CITY
COUNCIL SINE DIE

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Williams, seconded by Councilmember Lyon, to adjourn the City Council sine die, as presently constituted:

AYES: Councilmembers Jones, Lyon, Madison, Masuda, Rivas, Williams, Mayor Gordo
NOES: None
ABSENT: Councilmember Hampton
ABSTAIN: None

RECESS

The City Council recessed the meeting at 5:24 p.m.

RECONVENE/
SWEARING-IN

Mayor Gordo reconvened the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

Councilmember Hampton arrived at 6:04 p.m.

Judge William Crowfoot administered the Oaths of Office to Councilmember Rick Cole and Mayor Victor Gordo.

City Clerk Jomsky administered the Oath of Office to Councilmembers Tyron Hampton, Justin Jones, Gene Masuda, and Steve Madison.

Councilmembers Jones, Madison, Masuda, Hampton, Cole, and Mayor Gordo all made brief comments, with each expressing their immense gratitude and appreciation for their families, friends, District Liaisons, constituents, and supporters.

ELECTION OF VICE
MAYOR

Mayor Gordo opened the floor for nominations for a new Vice Mayor.

Councilmember Madison nominated Councilmember Rivas as Vice Mayor.

MOTION:

Following brief discussion, was moved by Councilmember Madison, seconded by Councilmember Hampton, to nominate Jessica Rivas as Vice Mayor, for a one-year term beginning on December 9, 2024 through December 8, 2025.

Councilmember Madison noted for those in attendance that under the voter-approved Charter Amendment Measure PB, the term for Vice Mayor is one year and a City Council Reorganization Meeting is required to occur annually in December.

AYES: Councilmembers Cole, Hampton, Jones, Lyon,
Madison, Masuda, Rivas, Mayor Gordo
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

STATEMENTS/
CONCLUDING
REMARKS

On behalf of the City Council, Mayor Gordo thanked those in attendance and those watching from home, including colleagues, families, friends, and all constituents of Pasadena, for the honor and privilege to serve the City.

ADJOURNMENT

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 7:08 p.m.



Victor M. Gordo, Mayor
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:



City Clerk